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Mr. Everett R. Clinchy
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304 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

8 AUG 1959

Dear Everett:

I appreciate your consideration in asking for my opinion about the proposal and request for a grant which the World Brotherhood is submitting to the Roger Williams Straus Memorial Foundation. Certainly the kind of program envisaged is consonant with Roger Straus' valiant labors and high ideals. I hope that the following comments may contribute something that will help in the realization of your purposes. I know that you will treat them confidentially.

As you know, I personally believe strongly that private citizens and non-governmental organizations have an important role to play in world and national as well as community affairs. Their idealism and spontaneous initiative is an element of strength in free societies, especially our own. When they are absent or deficient, the lack is sadly felt. There is no question but that World Brotherhood, as a non-governmental organization, can make a significant contribution to the ultimate preservation of peace.

The Chicago Project appears to come first in the projected series of seminar-conferences, and it is worked up in a most impressive way. The list of prominent persons participating is most distinguished, and they should not fail to achieve a resonance far beyond academic limits. The four main themes, designed to give form and depth to this conference on the problems of how to reduce world tensions, are quite far-ranging indeed. I think you are wise not to attempt a more ambitious program at this juncture. Indeed if there is any possibility that this project as drawn might overextend the capabilities of the World Brotherhood and the University of Chicago, or render its impact diffuse, you might wish to consider the advantages of trimming it somewhat.

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From what I know of world-wide efforts by private citizens and organizations to promote peace, freedom and human dignity, the efforts of World Brotherhood are thoughtfully conceived and worthy of respect. I can only wish you success in these efforts.

I suspect that our respective schedules may make it extremely difficult for us to get together while you are in Washington (especially since I have been trying to get away for a vacation for some time now), but please give my office a call.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

cc: DDCI

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)
Chief, Psychological and Paramilitary Staff

SUBJECT: Suggested Reply of Letter to DCI of 22 July
from Everett R. Clinchy of World Brotherhood

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI.
2. Attached is a suggested reply of a letter to the Director of 22 July from Everett R. Clinchy of World Brotherhood.

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Chief
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Attachments:

- 1 - Suggested Reply for DCI Signature
- 2 - Ltr from E. R. Clinchy dtd 22 July 1959
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